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Unemployment Shows Slight Increase

The incidence of joblessness in Michigan inched upward as the unemployment rate increased from 12.3 percent in September to 12.5 percent in October. The number of jobless workers climbed by 1,000 over the month to reach 528,000. Total employment dropped by 66,000 to total 3,702,000 primarily due to seasonal summer workers leaving the work force and the loss of agricultural jobs as the growing season neared completion. Along with the decrease in employment, the state's civilian labor force contracted by 65,000 largely in response to the removal of young people from summer employment payrolls. The decrease pushed total labor force down to 4,229,000 during the month. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has jumped by 83,000 or 2.3 percent, while the size of the labor force has declined by one-half percent. In October 1982, the total number of state residents out of work amounted to 633,000, representing a jobless rate of 14.9 percent.

Employment Opportunities Continue Upward

Wage and salary employment in Michigan increased for the second consecutive month during October and totaled 3,258,600. Approximately 23,000 positions were added as job gains in the manufacturing and governmental sectors were partially offset by minor losses in the nonmanufacturing sector. Public sector employment jumped by 18,500 to 588,200 as the majority of increased job activity was the result of the resumption of the school year at educational facilities. Total manufacturing employment at 920,300, inched upward by 4,800 primarily as a result of increased job gains in the transportation equipment industry. Employment opportunities within the private nonmanufacturing sector decreased slightly as losses in the retail trade and finance, real estate and insurance divisions more than offset the gains in service related industries. Total industry employment in Michigan has climbed by 77,100 or 2.4 percent since October 1982. Approximately 81,600 manufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while government and nonmanufacturing accounted for job losses of 4,600.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

October, 1983 (Final)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,229,000	3,702,000	528,000	12.5%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	145,500	134,000	11,500	7.9
Battle Creek SMSA	80,800	70,300	10,500	13.0
Bay City-SMSA	52,000	44,800	7,200	13.8
Benton Harbor-SMSA	69,300	59,600	9,700	14.0
Detroit	1,946,100	1,690,300	255,800	13.1
Flint-SMSA	221,300	189,700	31,600	14.3
Grand Rapids SMSA	327,200	294,000	33,200	10.1
Jackson-SMSA	63,200	54,000	9,200	14.6
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	135,300	122,000	13,300	9.8
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	243,000	222,000	21,000	8.6
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	76,700	65,700	11,000	14.3
Saginaw-SMSA	97,500	86,000	11,500	11.8
Upper Peninsula LMA	138,100	119,100	19,000	13.8

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates
State of Michigan

Item	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Oct. 1982
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	4,229.0	4,294.0	4,370.0	4,252.0
Employment	3,702.0	3,768.0	3,784.0	3,619.0
Unemployment	528.0	527.0	586.0	633.0
Rate	12.5%	12.3%	13.4%	14.9%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,258.6	3,235.6	3,166.7	3,181.5
Manufacturing	920.3	915.5	871.8	838.6
Durables	716.1	710.2	668.2	643.8
Lumber & Wood Products	11.3	11.4	11.3	9.6
Furniture & Fixtures	22.4	22.2	21.1	21.3*
Metals	159.5	158.0	151.0	142.3
Primary Metals	48.1	47.8	45.7*	45.6
Fabricated Metals	111.4	110.2	105.3*	96.7
Nonelectrical Machinery	117.0	117.8	113.8	119.9
Electrical Machinery	30.3	30.7*	26.7*	28.0
Transportation Equipment	341.6	336.7	311.6	289.1
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	323.5	318.8	293.8*	272.5
Other Transportation Equip.	18.1	17.9	17.8	16.6
Other Durables	34.0	33.4	32.7	33.6
Nondurables	204.2	205.3	203.6	194.8
Food & Kindred Products	48.9	49.8	51.3	48.2
Textiles & Apparel	20.2	20.2	19.2	17.2
Paper & Allied Products	21.1	21.3	21.1	20.5
Printing & Publishing	31.8	32.0	32.0	31.4
Chemicals & Petroleum	44.7	45.0	45.0	45.2
Other Nondurables	37.5	37.0	35.0	32.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,750.1	1,750.4	1,735.3	1,752.6
Construction	97.6	97.6	96.8	99.4*
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	136.9	136.4	121.2*	139.6
Wholesale Trade	149.0	149.0	148.1	149.7
Retail Trade	538.4	541.9	543.5	547.0
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	150.8	151.5	152.8	150.9
Services	666.7	663.2	661.9	656.3
Mining	10.7	10.8	11.0*	9.7
Government	588.2	569.7	559.6	590.3
Federal	56.3	56.1	57.1	56.8
State	151.7	143.4	136.9	151.9
Local	380.2	370.2*	365.6	381.6
Workers Involved in Labor Disputes	3.0	4.1	16.3	1.6

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1982 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1982 Benchmark.

Claims Activity

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan declined for the second consecutive month in October. The regular benefit claims load averaged 99,820 per week in October, approximately 5,755 or five percent lower than the month ago total. In October 1982, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 247,660.

Additionally, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program inched downward. The number of claimants receiving FSC benefits decreased by 1,100 or three percent as the claims load averaged 35,700 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
October 1, 1983	99,800	14,100	85,700	36,900	3,800	33,100
October 8, 1983	95,900	14,100	81,800	33,900	3,500	30,400
October 15, 1983	96,900	13,300	83,600	34,300	3,600	30,700
October 22, 1983	101,800	18,300	83,500	36,400	4,300	32,100
October 29, 1983	104,700	18,200	86,500	37,000	4,500	32,500

Cost of Living Decreases

Prices in the Detroit metropolitan area fell for the first time in eight months as the Consumer Price Index dropped by one point to finish the month at 298.2. The decline in Detroit area prices was caused by substantial decreases in food, beverages and apparel costs. Prices in the area rose by one percent since October 1982 when the Consumer Price Index stood at 295.2.

On the national level, the cost of living inched upward by eight tenths of a point to total 302.6. The national increases were a direct result of higher transportation and medical care costs. Between October 1982 and October 1983, national consumer prices rose by 2.9 percent. One year ago, the U.S. Consumer Price Index stood at 294.1.

Hours and Earnings

The average work week of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries dropped from 43.5 hours in September to 43.3 hours in October. The decrease occurred primarily as a result of fewer hours worked by individuals in the primary metal and automotive industries. During the month, average hourly earnings inched upward by one cent to $11.79, while average weekly earnings fell by $2.18 to total $510.60. In October 1982, earnings averaged $11.08 an hour or $441.31 per week for a 39.8 hour work week.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$11.79**	**$11.78**	**$11.08**	**43.3**	**43.5**	**39.8**	**$510.60**	**$512.78**	**$441.31**
DURABLE GOODS	12.28	12.29	11.54	43.6	43.9	39.7	535.61	540.29	458.03
Primary Metal Products	11.88	11.96	12.46	41.7	42.1	39.1	495.83	503.41	486.65
Fabricated Metal Products	11.51	11.45	10.52	43.4	43.5	39.1	499.60	498.13	411.46
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.65	11.69	11.34	41.6	41.7	39.1	483.98	487.95	443.31
Electrical Machinery	10.34	10.34	9.66	42.9	43.0	39.7	443.40	444.61	383.31
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	13.63	13.71	12.86	45.4	45.8	40.4	618.56	628.01	518.97
NONDURABLE GOODS	9.89	9.82	9.49	42.1	41.9	40.4	416.89	412.05	382.98
Contract Construction	13.97	14.15	13.98	35.7	38.0	37.3	498.56	537.67	521.17
Department Stores	6.12	6.11	5.82	29.9	29.9	31.4	183.02	182.49	182.75

a/ Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1983 through September 30, 1984

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdictions(s) Included
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission — Bureau of Research and Statistics

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